

United States District Court
for the
Southern District of Florida

Kenneth C. Griffin, Plaintiff,)
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v.) Civil Action No. 22-24023-Civ-Scola
Internal Revenue Service and U.S.)
Department of the Treasury,)
Defendantd.)

Amended Scheduling Order

Plaintiff Kenneth C. Griffin seeks, on an unopposed basis, an extension of the remaining deadlines in this case by about five months. As described by Griffin, the progress of this case has been impacted by criminal charges filed against a contractor implicated by the complaint in this case, resulting in the filing of an amended complaint, as well as various discovery disputes that have required court intervention. (Pl.'s Mot., ECF No. 72.) Although the extensions requested are substantial, the Plaintiff presents some justification for the delay and, importantly, the parties are in agreement. Accordingly, the Court **grants** the Plaintiff's motion as set forth below. (**ECF No. 72.**) Additionally, because of the lengthy enlargements, the parties are forewarned that **any further extensions are unlikely to be granted absent particularly extenuating circumstances.**

This action is thus **reset** for trial during the two-week trial period beginning on **October 21, 2024**. Calendar call will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the **preceding Tuesday, October 15, 2024**, at the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. United States Courthouse, 400 N. Miami Avenue, Courtroom 12-3, Miami, Florida. A pretrial conference will be held immediately following calendar call only if requested by the parties in advance.

1. The parties must comply with the following schedule:

passed	Deadline to join additional parties or to amend pleadings.
completed	Deadline to file joint interim status report.
completed	Deadline to file Proposed Order Scheduling Mediation, setting forth the name of the mediator, and the date, time, and location of the mediation, consistent with the Order of Referral to Mediation (which immediately follows the initial scheduling order).

June 10, 2024	<p>Deadline to complete all fact discovery.</p> <p>Deadline to submit joint notice indicating whether the parties consent to jurisdiction before the designated magistrate judge for purposes of final disposition.</p> <p>Deadline to exchange expert witness summaries/reports pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2). Rebuttal disclosures are permitted, and must conform to the deadline set forth in Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(2)(D)(ii).</p> <p>(When a treating physician testifies regarding opinions formed and based upon observations made during the course of treatment, the treating physician need not produce a Rule 26(a)(2)(B) report. By contrast, treating physicians offering opinions beyond those arising from treatment are experts from whom full Rule 26(a)(2)(B) reports are required. See, <i>Muzaffarr v. Ross Dress for Less, Inc.</i>, No. 12-61996-CIV, 2013 WL 3850848, at *1 (S.D. Fla. July 26, 2013).)</p>
June 24, 2024	Deadline for the filing of all dispositive motions.
July 8, 2024	Deadline to complete mediation, consistent with the Order of Referral to Mediation (which immediately follows the initial scheduling order).
August 12, 2024	Deadline to complete all expert discovery.
August 21, 2024	Deadline for the filing of pretrial motions, including motions in limine and <i>Daubert</i> motions.
September 24, 2024	Deadline to file joint pretrial stipulation under Local Rule 16.1(e) and pretrial disclosures as required by Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(a)(3).
October 8, 2024	Deadline to file proposed jury instructions (if the matter is set for a jury trial) or proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law (if the matter is set for a bench trial) consistent with Local Rule 16.1(k).

2. References to documents in summary-judgment motions. When a party files a motion for summary judgment, the party must include the ECF number of any exhibits or other documents referred to in the motion or the accompanying statement of material facts (required by Local Rule 56.1). This means that if a document is not already on the record, a party will need to submit a *Notice of Filing* **before** he or she files the summary-judgment motion and the statement of material facts.

3. Limit on motions in limine & *Daubert* motions. Each party is limited to filing one motion in limine and one *Daubert* motion. If a party cannot address his or her evidentiary issues or expert challenges in a 20-page motion, leave to exceed the page limitation will be granted upon a showing of good cause. The parties are reminded that motions in limine and *Daubert* motions must contain the Local Rule 7.1(a)(3) pre-filing conference and certification.

4. Jury Instructions. The parties must submit their proposed jury instructions jointly, though they need not agree on each proposed instruction. Where both parties agree on a proposed instruction, that instruction must be set out in regular typeface. Instructions proposed only by a plaintiff must be underlined. Instructions proposed only by a defendant must be bold-faced. Every instruction must be supported by a citation of authority. The parties should use as a guide the Eleventh Circuit Pattern Jury Instructions for Civil Cases, including the directions to counsel, or the applicable state pattern jury instructions. The parties must jointly file their proposed jury instructions via CM/ECF, and must also submit their proposed jury instructions to the Court via e-mail at scola@flsd.uscourts.gov in Word format (.doc).

5. Trial Exhibits. All trial exhibits must be pre-marked. Plaintiff's exhibits must be marked numerically with the letter "P" as a prefix. Defendant's exhibits must be marked alphabetically with the letter "D" as a prefix. A list setting out all exhibits must be submitted at the time of trial. This list must indicate the pre-marked identification label (*e.g.*, P-1, or D-A) and must also include a brief description of the exhibit.

6. Deposition Designations. Any party intending to use deposition testimony as substantive evidence must designate by line and page reference those portions in writing. The designations must be served on opposing counsel and filed with the Court 14 days before the deadline to file the joint pretrial stipulation. The adverse party must serve and file any objections and any cross-designations within seven days. The initial party then has seven days to serve and file objections to the cross-designations.

7. Voir Dire Questions. The Court will require each prospective juror to complete a brief written questionnaire prior to the commencement of questioning in the courtroom. Any party may submit up to five proposed, case-specific questions to be included in the questionnaire. The proposed questions must be filed with the Court at the time of the filing of the joint pretrial stipulation, and must also be submitted to the Court via e-mail at scola@flsd.uscourts.gov in Word format (.doc).

8. Notification of juror misconduct. Every party has an affirmative duty to notify the Court **immediately** of any possible juror misconduct or any information that might possibly reflect on a juror's ability to serve. Immediate notification is required to allow the Court the opportunity to address the issue, including questioning the juror and, if necessary, discharging the juror and seating an alternate juror. In any trial lasting more than five days, the Court imposes an affirmative duty on both sides to conduct all reasonable investigations of juror misconduct, including statements provided during voir dire, and to advise the Court immediately of any discovered misconduct. Any party who fails to conduct a reasonable investigation in this situation and later discovers an incidence of juror misconduct has waived his, her, or its right to rely on that misconduct in a motion before this Court.

9. Settlement Conference Before Magistrate Judge. The parties may, at any time, file a motion requesting a settlement conference before United States Magistrate Judge Jonathan Goodman. The Court encourages the parties to consider a confidential settlement conference with Judge Goodman, especially if the parties believe there is a meaningful chance of reaching an early, amicable resolution of their dispute.

10. Settlement Notification. If this matter is settled, counsel are directed to inform the Court promptly via telephone (305-523-5140) and/or e-mail (scola@flsd.uscourts.gov).

Done and ordered at Miami, Florida on December 11, 2023.



Robert N. Scola, Jr.
United States District Judge